

## PORTO RICO UNIQUE IN WORLD POLITICS

Prof. N. O. Hopkins Describes  
Present-Day Conditions  
on Island.

GOVERNED BY A LEGISLATURE

Volatile Solons Adjourn a  
Meeting in Order to  
Weep Over Speech.

Porto Rico's status in the world scheme is unique, according to Prof. N. O. Hopkins, principal of the Teachers College High School, who recently returned from a tour of investigation of conditions on the island.

"Porto Rico is not a state or territory of any nation," said Prof. Hopkins to a reporter for the University Missourian. Neither are its people citizens of any country. For want of a better title Porto Rico is generally designated as the District of Porto Rico.

"The island, which is 100 miles long by 35 wide, is divided into seven districts. Each district elects five members to the lower house of the legislature. The members of the upper house, six Americans and five Porto Ricans, are appointed by the president. This brings out the very significant fact that the Americans are really in control of legislative affairs on the island.

### They Want More Freedom.

"The Porto Ricans are continually clamoring for more political freedom but I think they have all they ought to have. The sessions of the lower house are often stormy, for the people are impulsive, and were it not for the Americans in the upper house serving as a check, legislation would often grow rampant.

"Once, while I was attending a meeting of the lower house an effective speech was made and immediately the whole assembly adjourned for the members to weep and still their emotions.

"The upper house, or the executive council, as it is more often called, is a relic of American political history. Its duties and powers are almost identical with those of the old colonial councils of England in America.

"The financial condition of Porto Rico is unique. After the island's annexation to the United States, the question arose as to whether the United States should charge Porto Rico a tariff on goods shipped into this country. The question was in the courts for a couple of years and during that time a tariff was collected from Porto Rico.

"The courts decided we could not collect a tariff and a refund of \$2,000,000 was made to Porto Rico by the United States. This was practically a gift and part of it went for education and part for good roads.

### Many Schoolhouses Built.

"The United States has done more for Porto Rico in the last ten years than Spain did in the 400 years preceding. About \$8,000,000 has been spent in the cause of education. One hundred schoolhouses have been built and 100 more are in process of erection. Instruction in English is a part of the curriculum. There are three high schools that compare favorably with any in Missouri outside the large cities. Those at San Juan, Ponce and Mayaguez.

"A high internal revenue tax is collected in Porto Rico. Unlike our country, property is taxed at its full face value. If land is worth \$100 face value, it is taxed at that.

"All the people say they are white, but I estimate the true number of whites at about 25 per cent. They are a mixture of Indian, Spanish and negro and are exceptionally intelligent."

## ILLITERACY GAINS GROUND IN CHICAGO

School Census Shows Increase of 200  
Per Cent.

CHICAGO, Sept. 18.—Illiteracy has made enormous strides in Chicago in the last two years, according to the school census just completed. Its increase has been more than 200 per cent. Two years ago 192 illiterates between 12 and 21 years were found by the enumerators. This year 602 have been tabulated.

Illiterates were found in unsuspected places. In the Nineteenth ward, for example, where the "silk stocking" politicians joke Alderman Powers about the lack of learning of his constituents, only four persons were found who could neither read nor write. The intelligence of residents of the Twenty-fifth and Sixth wards has been told about so frequently that some may believe every one in Lake View and Hyde Park has a college education. The census shows that the aristocratic Sixth ward has twenty-five and the Twenty-fifth ward twenty without the rudiments of book learning.

## "ROOM 13" JUST SUITS M'CREARY

Kentucky Senator Always  
Takes it at Hotel in  
Frankfort.

IT'S NOT UNLUCKY FOR HIM

To Quiet the Superstitious,  
Capitol Proprietor Calls  
it "15."

FRANKFORT, Ky., Sept. 18.—Room 13 which is supposed to be so unlucky that no hotel has a room with that number, has not proved so for United States Senator James B. McCreary, as he always has occupied the room in the Capitol Hotel that would be No. 13, if there were any room by that number.

Senator McCreary has occupied No. 15 ever since his public career began. This room should be numbered thirteen, but a number was skipped and the lettering on the door says it is 15. Senator McCreary was here the other day and he occupied room 15, as usual. While he was in that room talking to the newspaper men he related associations connected with that room.

"Here is where I made my start," said the Senator. "It was in this room that I first came as a member of the Legislature. I was green and uncertain as to what the future would bring forth. I came here when I was 28 years old, and registered and was assigned to this room. I spent the winter here. That winter I served on the floor of the House and at the next session I came back.

"I then took the adjoining room and opened headquarters here. I received my friends in this room, while my wife and child had the other room. I was elected Speaker of the House, and on my third term as a member of the House, was again elected Speaker. I still occupied this room.

"Then I became a candidate for Governor, and this room was my headquarters when the convention met. My chief opponent was Cerro Gordo Williams. I was sitting in this room, it not being proper for me to be in the convention, which was voting on my race, when Dick Tate rushed in and said:

### His Nomination.

"McCreary, you have been nominated."

"I was much pleased and expected to see the Notification Committee come over and escort me to the stage. I waited and waited, and there seemed to be something wrong. The committee did not come, so I went over there to see what the matter was. I was getting uneasy and could not sit still. I reached the convention hall and found Williams speaking. He was a fine speaker and making a good impression in that stirring manner he had. "I could not make out what had happened, but I heard Williams say that he would do this and so, whether he was nominated or not, so I judged that he had not been nominated or he would not be talking like that. I could not see anybody that I knew, and I asked one of the delegates standing in the rear of the hall what the situation was. He said: "McCreary has been nominated, but Williams has the floor and is speaking. He may change some of the delegations and may win out yet."

"Williams went on speaking, and I was much interested in what would happen. I was afraid that he would change the delegates, for he had an appealing way with him. Whether or not he would have changed any votes I don't know, for just as soon as he finished speaking the secretary of the convention handed the result of the last roll call to the chairman and the result was announced. I was nominated, and when the notification committee came around I was not far away and was easy to find.

"I have had this room ever since and feel that it has been a lucky room. Many interesting memories are associated with this room and with Frankfort."

Senator McCreary never lost a race while he occupied that room in the hotel, and it is regarded as a lucky room for a candidate, even though it is the thirteen room.

### MUSIC PREVENTS A PANIC

Fire Starts in Theater, but Pianist  
Quiets Crowd.

NEW YORK, Sept. 18.—A pianist in the Proctor moving picture theatre at Elizabeth, N. J., quieted with "The Star Spangled Banner" tonight 700 men, women and children when a burning film on the picture machine started a panic. A dozen women fainted and many were trampled under foot.

The pianist remained in his chair while the rush was being made for the doors, and as the strains of the national anthem reached the panic-stricken spectators the cooler ones took a hand in quelling the disturbance. The fire was meanwhile extinguished by attendants.

## UNIVERSITY ENROLLMENT TO 3 P. M. TODAY

At end of	Session of							
	1908-9	1907-8	1906-7	1905-6	1904-5	1903-4	1902-3	1901-2
1st day...	285	203	301	213	167	169	102	221
2nd day...	724	470	659	399	371	374	280	382
3rd day...	1085	805	876	552	627	594	460	549
4th day...	1502	1098	1016	720	775	682	569	639
5th day...	1698	1390	1153	798	866	750	641	693
6th day...		1360	1282	921	949	837	710	758
7th day...		1569	1340	985	989	878	763	785
8th day...		1582	1382	1046	1009	912	784	816
9th day...		1593	1402	1082	1026	937	812	Holiday
10th day...		1608	1416	1107	1035	954	827	840
11th day...		1614	1426	1137	1052	966	844	858
12th day...		1621	1457	1191	1085	991	864	894

## FAVORS AT PARTY \$4,000,000 EACH

Ironmaster Puts Fortunes  
Under Plates of Four  
Children.

PITTSBURGH, Sept. 1.—Through the filing of papers in the Courthouse yesterday it became known that at the celebration of the golden wedding of William H. Singer, a wealthy ironmaster of this city, the "favors" were stocks and bonds valued at \$4,000,000 to each of the four guests, making the favors cost \$16,000,000.

Mr. Singer simply invited his four children to the family home to assist in celebrating the golden wedding date on May 27. None but the children were invited, and each found by his or her plate a dinner favor of checks, bonds and deeds amounting to \$4,000,000.

Every effort has been made by the Singer connection to keep the matter quiet, and they succeeded until yesterday, when the filing of papers made it public. The Singer children, who received each \$4,000,000, are: William Henry Singer, Jr., a landscape painter, now in Norway; George Singer, iron manufacturer, Pittsburgh, now in the White Mountains; Mrs. William Ross Proctor, wife of a Philadelphia architect, and Marguerite Singer, younger daughter, at home.

### He Has \$15,000,000 Left.

Mr. Singer is connected with many of the banking institutions of Pittsburgh. His wealth remaining after giving his children fortunes, is estimated at \$15,000,000.

The \$16,000,000 dinner party came as a complete surprise to each member of the Singer family, none but the family attorney having been taken into the confidence of the head of the house.

A peculiar feature of the ease was made known late to-day. William Henry Singer, the son who chose painting rather than the iron business as his life's work, will scarcely be able to enjoy his millions in America, owing to the great fear his life bears for the "Black Hand." Early in the summer, shortly after the \$16,000,000 dinner party, Mrs. William Henry Singer received a "Black Hand" letter at her home, in Sewickley, and it frightened her into hysterics. Her husband was finally compelled to take her abroad. They are now in Norway, where, it is said, they will remain permanently, and that Mr. Singer will spend most of his life painting, in spite of his great wealth.

## LOSES HIS MIND HUNTING BARGAINS

Shopping All Day With  
Daughter Drives  
Man Crazy.

ST. LOUIS, Sept. 18.—After shopping all day with his daughter, pushing his way through crowded stores and listening to lengthy discussions as to the quality and price of dry goods, dresses, furniture and household accessories, Hubert Kunster, 79 years old, of Waterloo, Ill., suddenly became insane.

In the observation ward at the City Hospital he imagines that he is still shopping and he argues with imaginary clerks.

Kunster came from Waterloo with his daughter, Mrs. Carrie Schmidt. She came to buy supplies for her home and a new fall outfit for herself.

When she asked her father to accompany her on a tour of the stores he demurred but she insisted and he at last

## BIG FIELD ENTERS IN GOLF TOURNEY

Garden City Course Ready for  
National Amateur  
Contests.

GARDEN CITY, L. I., Sept. 1.—Some amateur golfer in this country is at present playing golf a shade superior to anybody else and it is to learn who that man is that the fourteenth national amateur championship is under way here.

Promptness has become such a steady virtue with the officials of the United States Golf Association that there were few laggards among the early starters and the first pair were sent away at five minutes past nine o'clock, or within five minutes of schedule.

Among the officials present at that time were President Chauncy of the U. S. G. A., Vice-President Alexander Britton, Secretary W. Fellowes Morgan, Treasurer S. Y. Helmer and Leighton Calkins, a member of the executive committee. Before many pairs had started, Herbert Jaques of the Country Club, Brookline, had arrived to represent the Massachusetts district and S. H. Strawn of Chicago was expected to represent the west.

### Travers is Title Holder.

There were only three or four withdrawals among the first thirty starters, but one of those, T. K. Laughlin, was paired with Jerome Travers, the titleholder. This made it possible for L. S. Bigelow to play with the champion. Bigelow's partner by the original drawings having been Harold W. Beveridge, the English golfer, who has started for England because of the sudden death of his father.

Travers had a splendid drive, but Bigelow's could not claim the same distinction. In fact, the strong Boston contingent was very poor on the start. P. W. Whittemore and Henry H. Wilder did very well, but Hugo R. Johnstone, T. G. Stevenson, G. F. Willett, J. B. Hyland and J. G. Anderson all failed to find the fair green on the first drive. Whittemore's partner failed to appear, but he had excellent company in Kenneth P. Edwards.

### J. R. Ellis Made Highway Engineer.

J. R. Ellis, C. E., '08, University of Missouri, son of George B. Ellis of the State Board of Agriculture, recently has been appointed highway engineer of Mississippi county.

consented. Mrs. Schmidt went after the early morning bargains. All through the forenoon she hurried up and down the aisles of the big downtown establishments with her father protestingly following her. They were in several bargain rushes and Kunster was bewildered by the crowds.

### Shopped All Day.

There was only a short rest for luncheon and they were off again. The daughter was in her element but the father was free in expressing the wish that he was somewhere else.

From the dry goods stores they went to two carpet houses and several furniture stores and it was nearly dark when they went to the Union Station to take a train for their home.

Five minutes before starting time Mrs. Schmidt walked across the midway to one of the gates leading into the big shed.

Her father stopped. "No," he said, "I'm not going in another store. I am too badly confused now. I can't understand it."

Efforts to induce him to board the train were unavailing. "I don't want to buy anything," he protested.

Sergt. Mehan ordered that he be taken to the City Hospital observation ward.

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